

HONEY & LOCUST



St. John in the Wilderness Anglican Church,
Bright's Grove

Church Services

Come worship at 8:30 am or 10:30 am this Sunday, October 24 in the church with The Reverend Dave Hewett and Lay Reader Janice McAlpine. Peter will issue an E-vite to the 10:30 am. A schedule for October is included on the last page of this edition.

Last Sunday, Reverend Dave filled in for the first of 3 Sundays for which Reverend Amanda is on vacation back east. As always it is a pleasure to have Dave back with us. He offered a simply marvelous sermon on Job. He started as follows:

“Two men were talking one day about the world. The first one said, ‘I would like to ask God why he allows so much suffering in the world?’

His Friend said, ‘What’s stopping you?’

The first one said, ‘I am afraid he would ask me the same question.’

Here are links to a video of the service [video of the service](#) as well as a written copy of the [sermon](#). Below is Dave conversing with us as he offers his sermon.



The flowers on the altar, pictured next, were given by the Sinkins family to the Glory of God in loving memory of their dear mother, Marnie Sinkins, on what would have been her 96th birthday.



Above, Morrie poses by her mother's flowers and says hello to the parish. Blessings.

ACW – Pasta Dinner October 30

Thanks for all the support for the October 30 for our Pasta Takeout Dinner:

\$10.00 per meal Pasta, Deb Walker's famous triathlon pasta sauce with meatballs or Haley's vegetarian sauce, Parmesan cheese, a buttered bun, and a brownie. Please contact Leslie if you want a gluten-free option. We are almost sold out, order soon if you want to share in this joyous meal.

Nancy Mann is heading up the volunteers.

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The cooks will be reminiscing about past Triathlon/Ironkid events and thinking about our next event this summer...such blessings!

Thanks everyone for ordering, baking, noodle early prep and serving. ♥

.... Leslie Grieve

Share Your Joy/Story/Comments in the Honey & Locust

If you have a paragraph or two you would like to publish in Honey & Locust, perhaps a hello/profile of a parish member, an update for a church/community group you are part of, a favourite project or memory or prayer you would like to share, a family update ...whatever is on your mind that might be meaningful/ joyous for your congregation to hear...please craft the words and send them to debwalker@cogeco.ca

The Blessings of Church Maintenance

.... Deb Walker

As we use the church building more, we also find ourselves doing a little maintenance on our buildings and grounds...a blessing and a stepping-stone in our on-going journey to worship together at the church itself during Covid waves and recovery.

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I thought I would dedicate much of this edition to "What's Up in Maintenance".

I should add, for the record, Warden Peter handles all the tough stuff here with other folk more than once, he has heard my "ummm, Peter, could you please champion this one." Thank you, Peter.

For me, as a warden, with, well, surprisingly poor fine motor skills, and no experience in actually fixing things but a desire to learn....I pose an interesting challenge to folk like **Brent Anderson, Brian Fogg, Peter Langille, Jim Foubister, Gord MacKenzie, and Mike Moloney** (they want to just fix something and I want to know how they fix it in the hope that maybe I could do it even though I have no fine motor skills ... oh my). My lack of fine motor skills applies just as fairly to knitting and crafting. Now if we want to throw a ball...I am great on hand-eye-coordination!

I also sense that a number of folk simply love this building and so many of you want to know some of the things we are doing to maintain it. I offer a smattering of items. If you know of one I have missed over the last couple of months, please let me know – yes we are blessed with parishioners who just fix things when they see something that needs fix'n....Wow and Thanks!

Peter Langille and I are resurrecting Jim Foubister's list of maintenance on the west hall wall...just so we get an idea of the maintenance being done and maintenance needs in future years – so if you fix something, please write it down on this list (or ask me to).

Thanks to Don and Pat Poland for **pressure washing the stones in the memorial garden** twice this summer. They also put down fresh mulch and generally care for the garden. Such a peaceful and meaningful place to sit for a stop during a walk.



Thanks also to Don Poland, Brian Bradford, and Harry Chadwick for **lifting the decks of their lawn mowers** when we were initially growing "Todd's sod" by the beehives.



Speaking of Todd's sod, while Peter L., Doug W., Brian B., myself, and others were focused on getting this done before Bishop Todd came to bless the Wilderness Pollinator Garden and Beehives, Jim Foubister just kept looking at the chipped **paint on the railings of the church entrance**. Now I did not even notice this until I saw the sign on the previous page about a week before the Blessing service. Then, in hindsight, I thought "I think they may have needed painting...who did it I wonder?" Brent Anderson told me: "Deb, Jim does it every year". Wow! Yep, every year Jim puts two coats of paint on the railings...Thanks, Jim!

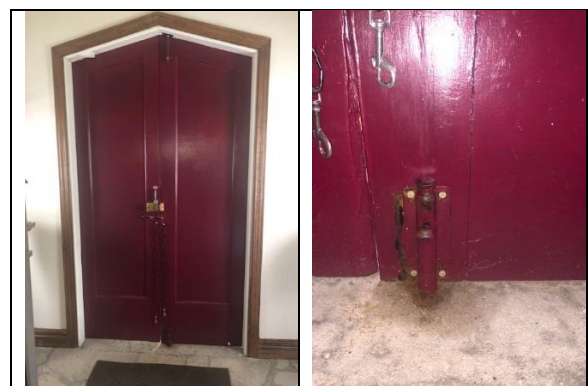


I was admiring the railings the other day and noticed that in the fall, those front bushes just west of the hall entrance, turn

beautiful shades of red. I am not sure who originally planted them or what species they are...if anyone knows, please tell me. They are one of God's miracles.



Both Brian Bradford and Mavis Schmid noticed the **front doors to the church** proper were opening with a stiff wind or pull. Brent Anderson took a peek and **repaired the loosened bolts**. Thanks Brent, Brian, and Mavis!



Brent also completed his annual **pressure washing of the entire church exterior** earlier this summer. Thanks, Brent.



Doug Winch replaced the **4-inch x 4-inch edging** beside the porch per the above picture. I learned a little on how to do this. It involves metal pegs and 'toe-nailing' nails...fascinating stuff. Doug and Charlene also donated **two cement urns and put some beautiful mums in them** (as shown in the picture above). Thanks Doug and Charlene.

The church hall south door lock failed in the unlocked position last Saturday; it was my key that discovered this. This turned out to be a series of really neat learnings for me. And perhaps for Brent A., Jim F., Brian F., and Nancy M., all of whom were involved in some way. Brent came over and got the

lock locked using a special spiky tool. Then I went home and sent a note to the parish list saying, "give me a call if you need to get into the church". Just after I sent this, Nancy Mann called me to say, "Jim Foubister wanted to get his name down for the pasta dinner, but the church lock was not working...so he [previous Warden Jim] drove home, got some WD40, came back, sprayed it in the lock and fixed it". Well, Brian Fogg then said he would spray the lock bimonthly given stories from Jim, Nancy, and others on times it got stuck.

Well, I may have no fine motor skills, but I was unsure what all that oil would do to the lock so I "Googled" and found [this article](#). Turns out there are at least 10 really good things to use WD40 on and 5 things you should not...one being locks. Brian looked at the article and is going to use dry graphite every 2 months on it...and his fine motor skills are superb, whereas mine would mean a graphite mess! (The article warns of the mess). I had a lot of fun learning on this one. WD40: "Water Displacement 40th Formulation" (Thanks Brian).

While Jim Foubister was leaving his money for the pasta dinner, he also checked the **Emergency Lights**. Ok, I should have known to check...but there was a pandemic on, and I got distracted. Three of 4 had dead batteries. Peter Langille and Brian Bradford pulled the batteries, I got new ones from the place Jim recommended (City Electric) and I sense Peter and Brian will install them this Sunday. On the next page is a picture of Nancy Mann with 2 of the failed sets of emergency lights above and behind her.

Beside Nancy and under the "office" sign is the maintenance list I am hoping folks will fill out when they maintain something. Thanks Jim, Peter, Brian and Nancy!



The Sacristy sink has posed some on-going challenges as far as draining. Brian Fogg took a peek at it once he found out that our Altar Guild women were no longer using it, but rather walking to the kitchen sink. He actually pulled out the manual (as Brian tends to do, bless him). The manual is the paper on top of the drain tank in the picture adjacent.

The circle and arrows alone adjacent should tell you that this has been a



recurring issue during Covid for the Altar Guild, Peter, and I 😊. Brian tried to explain this to me in a minute or two (I did not understand) ...Brent, Peter, and Brian have all tried to explain it to me. I think I finally understand (which is my only part in this...Brian, Brent, and Peter have actually done work here). It took Brent penciling in labels on a hardcopy of the above picture for me to understand. So, just so the Altar Guild women and any other interested folk understand...here is what is happening. The sink drains to the drain tank. A pump with a float then detects the water and pumps it to the kitchen drain (across the hall). The drain tank needs to equilibrate from a pressure perspective to allow further drainage...thus the vent line, which hooks into the vent line in the kitchen. There is a short lateral section on the vent line, and

this builds up “goop” over time, then plugs, and then the pump will not pump the water to the drain. To prevent this, Brian every month will unscrew the vent hatch, put his hand in and clear out any goop. Now that he is doing it monthly, it takes only a couple of minutes he says and there is only a little bit of goop each time. The water in the drain tank itself is quite clean looking. The pump is designed to be able to handle a few leaves from flowers (the “goop” is not leaves but organic slim that grows in the stagnant lateral area of the vent mainly and a little bit on the pump float).

Brian and Brent pointed out that if the vent hatch is opened and goop plugging the vent is not cleaned away then the sink will drain once or twice once the hatch is resealed (since the opening of the hatch is a form of venting) but then the problem will persist.

Both Brian and Brent agree a more robust fix would be to vent to the roof. But this would involve a capital project and putting a vent in the wall and up through a hole we would put in the roof. The more pragmatic and cost-effective approach is the monthly cleaning.

I have to tell you, I have really enjoyed understanding this one...thanks Peter, Brent, and Brian for explaining it so many different ways to me.

A number of you have likely heard of the **water issue under the hall crawl space**. Between a wet summer and a water line leak to an adjacent cottage that went undetected for a month or so. Peter has

been championing this...consulting with Mike Moloney, Jim Foubister, Brian Fogg and Brent Anderson.

The church hall has had a musty odour this summer – just something to keep in mind as you read.

Mike Moloney and Gord MacKenzie came into the church 2 or 3 weeks ago to lay some cable under the crawl space so that we could film our service live and have it show on a big TV in the hall. This would help us expand our church seating during Covid. Gord and Mike opened the crawl space door (which also has our sump pump) and there was a lot of water. Peter was investigating heavily, thinking we might need to dig up the 4-inch diameter Big-O drainage pipe around the church to look for blockages etc when I got a phone call from Ross Leckie our neighbour to the west whose nephew mows our church back lawn.

Now...Ross never calls. In fact, I did not think he owned a phone. (I now have his number, but he says he never carries his phone 😊). Ross started talking fast (unusual for Ross) and he was using words I did not understand...maintenance words. So, I asked him to call Peter and texted Peter to say ... “Ross is calling about the water, please answer”.

Ross explained that the city had spent the day repairing a water line leak to the water meter at the cottage just north-east of him.

Once the water line was fixed, the water receded faster from the crawl space. Brian, Peter, Mike, and Brent all say, in various ways, that we likely need to permanently vent that crawl space to eliminate the musty odour on-going. And we may still need to assess the Big-O drainage and how it hooks into the sump pump. This will be discussed in the coming months.

A real blessing was that the two fellows who laid the Big-O and tee-d the sump pump discharge line into it under the Sunday School window (north hall window), were Gord and Mike...so when they discovered the water, they knew to uncover the area and dig a 10-foot trench to let the water flow to the back lawn (rather than back into our sump). Thank you, Mike and Gord! (and when it is dry enough, please lay that cable)



That is Brian Fogg's hand in the previous picture. He is patiently explaining things to me. Jim Foubister even drew me a sketch. And they both know Peter is actually championing the fix I just want to understand. Such kindness and patience. Blessings.

The hole is now covered with a rock.



Finally, a simple maintenance item came along that I could actually fix. Nancy Mann let me know that the **glass of one of the fridge shelves** had broken and someone had left a different glass shelf that did not fit. I went on the journey of finding a new shelf for a Sears Kenmore fridge. No luck. So, I took the remaining frame and the other intact shelf to Sarnia Glass (after finding out that AFG glass left Sarnia 8 years ago). Sue at Sarnia Glass looked at the good shelf, deftly removed the glass portion to examine it, determined the glass was thermoformed in (so could not be replaced) BUT as I saw her remove the glass from the good shelf, I realized the glass shelf that did

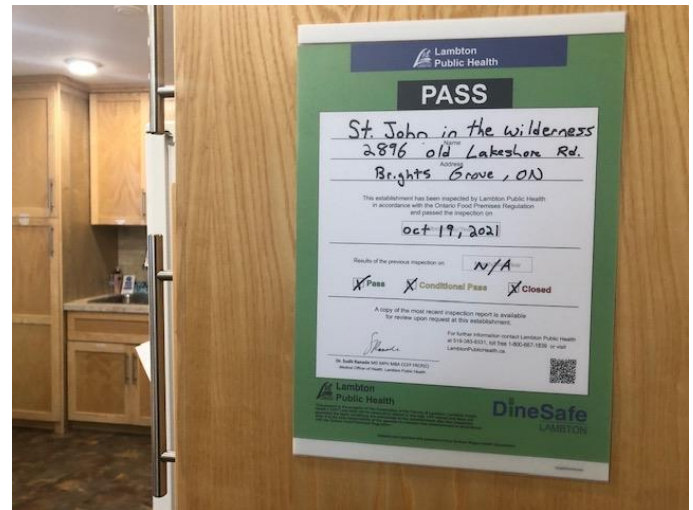
not fit back at the church was actually the right part from our own fridge. Sue, patiently and with a smile, showed me how to get the metal shelf frame and the glass with the thermoformed frame back together. And below, are Nancy and I declaring a joyous maintenance victory after getting the shelf back together and into the fridge with Duncan Mann (the camera guy) just smiling at us.



The shelf above the coffee can was fixed.

Blessings and Joy!

Lambton Health Passed Our Kitchen!



The kitchen at St. John in the Wilderness is now fully approved by the Lambton County Health Unit. An inspector went through the facility and has put the green "PASS" sign at the entrance.

After consulting with the ACW they agree the kitchen can be used by outside people. At least one home-based caterer has expressed interest already. We are hoping this can develop into a source of revenue for the church.

... Peter Langille

Lay Reader Janice Reflects



"Let the peoples
praise you, O
God; let all the
peoples praise
you."

~ Psalm 67:5
NRSV

Where we live, we are coming to the end of some of the most gorgeous weather of the year. Warm days - up to 25 C, positively balmy at times. Cool nights - great for sleeping. Deep, deep blue skies in the day. The colours of the leaves. The warmth of the sun. The smell of the autumn. It is just perfect weather.

When you experience such a perfect day you can't help but feel good, realize how blessed you are, and just be thankful for this amazing gift of life. Now, I know the weather may not be the same by the time that you read this, but the truth is, wherever we are, whatever we're dealing with, there is cause, no doubt, to praise God for something.

Do that today, will you? Find something to praise God for.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Let Us Pray:

Maybe I can praise you for the weather, God, maybe I can't, but surely there is something good in my life that causes me to pause, count my blessings and realize how good life truly is. Hear my praise today, lifted up because of, or maybe in spite of, the weather but especially because of my acknowledgement of the gift of life.

Happy moments, PRAISE GOD

Difficult moments, SEEK GOD

Quiet moments, WORSHIP GOD

Painful moments, TRUST GOD

Every moment, THANK GOD

St. John in the Wilderness Mission and Vision

Our Mission

To Love God and to share His love with others.

Our Vision

To show a welcoming, visible sign of Christ in a growing community, and to strive to meet the spiritual needs of everyone in a facility which is accessible, safe, environmentally friendly, and addresses the space requirements of all.

Yours in Faith,

Deb Walker, Peter Langille, Janice McAlpine,
and The Reverend Amanda Longmoore+
Wardens, Lay Reader, and Rector

*"You will never look into the eyes of
someone God does not love."*

Postscripts:



Betty, one of your fundraising aprons was
gifted to Brittany, a friend of Kenzie's in

Lonsdale Quay...Brit is an accountant,
among many things, and cooks while
overlooking the North Shore of Vancouver.
Function and beauty ... blessings, Betty.



Auntie Haley visiting with Fran in
Toronto...they made a "Truck-O-Lantern"
to celebrate Hallowe'en.



**HAPPY
HALLOWE'EN!**

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Option 2 for Reverend
Gord Simmons' silly joke
of the week 😊

Date	Day of Church Calendar (Officiant if Other than The Reverend Amanda Longmoore, and Lay Reader Assisting)	Time	Service	Location (See Notes 1 & 2)	Colour	Readings
The Anglican Church of Canada has designated the Sundays September 5 through October 3, as the Season of Creation. Our prayers of the people and possibly some other parts of our liturgy some weeks will reflect this theme, which also connects nicely to the dedication of our Wilderness Pollinator Garden on Saturday, September 18 by Bishop Todd.						
October 3, 2021	19th Sunday after Pentecost Lay Reader Janice McAlpine Assists	8:00 am	BCP Holy Eucharist	In Church	Green	Job 1:1, 2:1-10 - Job's Suffering Begins
		10:30 am	BAS Holy Eucharist	In Church		Psalm 26 - Test Me, O Lord, and Try Me Hebrews 1: 1-4, 2:5-12 - God Revealed in Jesus Mark 10: 2-16 - Jesus Teaches on Divorce
October 10, 2021	Harvest Thanksgiving Lay Reader Sandra Fraser Assists	8:30 am	BCP Holy Eucharist	In Church	White	Joel 2:21-27 - God's Bountiful Harvest
		10:30 am	BAS Holy Eucharist	OUTDOORS?		Psalm 126 - The Lord has Done Great Things for Us 1 Timothy 2:1-7 - A Call to Prayer Matthew 6:25-33 - Consider the Lilies
October 17, 2021	21st Sunday after Pentecost The Reverend Dave Hewett Presides Lay Reader Nicole Assists	8:30 am	BCP Holy Eucharist	In Church	Green	Job 38: 1-7 - God Questions Job
		10:30 am	BAS Holy Eucharist	In Church		Psalm 104: 1-9, 25, 37b - Bless the Lord O My Soul Hebrews 5: 1-10 - The Role of a Priest Mark 10: 35-45 - Jesus Comes to Serve
October 24, 2021	22nd Sunday after Pentecost The Reverend Dave Hewett Presides Lay Reader Janice Assists & Preaches	8:30 am	BCP Holy Eucharist	In Church	Green	Job 42: 1-6, 10-17 - Job Repents
		10:30 am	BAS Holy Eucharist	In Church		Psalm 34:1-8, 19-22 - Taste & See That the Lord is Good Hebrews 7: 23-38 - Jesus as the High Priest Mark 10:46-52 - Healing of Bartimaeus
October 31, 2021	23rd Sunday after Pentecost The Reverend Dave Hewett Presides Lay Reader Sandra Assists	8:30 am	BCP Holy Eucharist	In Church	Green	Ruth 1: 1-18 - Ruth Commits to Naomi
		10:30 am	BAS Holy Eucharist	In Church		Psalm 146 - Praise the Lord, O My Soul Hebrews 9:11-14 - Jesus as Sacrifice Mark 12; 28-34 - The Greatest Commandment

Note (1)

In-Church Services

8:30 am: No invitation is used since attendance has been 5 to 11 people - well under our 20-person limit given Covid.

10:30 am: Indoor services please reserve via the evite you receive 2 to 5 days prior to the service from Peter Langille; this is issued to the parish email list. Outdoor services, there is lot's of room, no Evite, just come join us in worship.

Note (2)

We try to save a video of the service and issue a saved and edited version of the service recording. It will issue within 1 to 3 days of the service with a link going out via the church's email.

Audio recordings of the readings, psalm and sermon will be placed on the prayer telephone line on Monday or Tuesday

Please check your e-mail regularly to see if there are changes – this is a fluid time given Covid.

Keep wearing those masks, washing your hands, maintain social distance, be kind, acknowledge Angst, and.....recognize Blessings;-)

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